

# North Berwick Parks

All of the buildings and parks in town are tobacco free!

## Mill Field Area:

This park is located in our central downtown area. It is a large open space, large enough for a game of football or baseball. There is a lovely gazebo in the center, which is a great photo opportunity. Some folks have even held their wedding ceremony there. You may need a permit to do that so I would call the NB Police Dept. to find out for sure. This is where we have our Christmas Tree lit up for the holidays, as well as, the gazebo and some surrounding trees. We also hold our Annual Mill Field Festival here on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of August. What an awesome event.

## Canal Street Park:

This park is located behind the Mill Field on Canal Street. Currently it is a basketball court and makeshift skate boarding area. We are hoping the funding will be approved at our Town Meeting on April 6<sup>th</sup> for the proposed playground that we have submitted. The Parks and Recreation Commission worked a few years trying to come up with a plan and we finally have the project laid out from start to finish. When completed it will be a "Retro Style" playground for younger kids and it will have some swings, a large spinner, some wave planks, a "digger" station, a climbing structure and of course the old school large springy squirrel and snail. We are hopefully looking to start the project in August / September 2013.

## Bruce Abbott Memorial Park:

This park is located on Morrills Mill Rd. It has access to Bauneg Beg Lake too. There is limited parking and a port-a-potty there. There are rules posted on the fence so be sure to read them. You can fish from the dock placed there or even launch a canoe, kayak or small boat. There are a lot of fish in the lake and it is a great spot to bring the kids to try it out.

## Community Center:

This is our largest recreational area in town. It is located at 264 Lebanon Rd. At this area we have numerous open grassy fields (sometimes there are different sport goals set up) and a large paved parking lot. On the backside of the property we have a trail that goes through the woods with bridges and planks, it is an adventure. There is also a new basketball court with the appropriate lines and the goals and nets are newer as well. We also have a Toddler Fire Truck play structure that the kids love and then there is a large Tree House Climbing Structure for ages 5-12, younger may use it but it will probably require supervision. Next to that we have installed some swings for the kids and adults of all ages to enjoy. We have a large pavilion area filled with picnic tables, nice for a family picnic. You can also have a party under the pavilion but there is no alcohol allowed, no grills allowed and you must take your trash with you please. It is not necessary to "book" the outside for usage but I would highly recommend contacting the Recreation Director to see if there may be another event happening on that date and time as well to avoid any conflicts. There may be an inside event scheduled, a soccer game, a lacrosse practice, a baseball or softball practice, a boy or girl scout function, etc. etc. The community center is extremely busy. There is also a handicapped port-a-potty on the backside of the center from April 1<sup>st</sup> to Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>. Please help us to keep the areas clean. **NO DOGS ALLOWED**, this is a safety and sanitary rule. The police will enforce this rule. There is also no parking allowed in the circle area out front.

We are so fortunate to have such wonderful facilities, please help us to keep them clean and well watched so we can enjoy them clean and graffiti free. If you ever notice something to do with safety, vandalism, destruction of property or just suspicious activity please do not hesitate to call the North Berwick Police Dept. at 676-2751 if you feel it is urgent. If it is something that can maybe wait than please call me, Kristie Michaud at 676-3206. We need a community watch!